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Local Boundary Commission
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Mr. Kevin Waring, Chair
Local Boundary Commission
Municipal & Regional Assistance Division
Department of Community
and Economic Development
550 W 7th Avenue, Ste. 1790
Anchorage, AK 99501-3510

Re: Petition for Consolidation of City of Fairbanks and Fairbanks North Star Borough

Dear Mr. Waring:

The Fairbanks North Star Borough requests that the Local Boundary Commission extend the August 1, 2000 deadline for responsive briefs and public comment in the matter of the petition for consolidation of the City of Fairbanks and Fairbanks North Star Borough. We request an extension until December 15, 2000.

As you are aware, an initiative to limit a municipality's property tax to 10 mills will appear on the November general election ballot. Should that initiative pass, the impacts on the proposed consolidation will be significant. Under the consolidation, the existing City of Fairbanks will become a service area of the unified municipality. The service area mill rate will be subject to the 10 mill cap, thus significantly impacting the level of service the current City of Fairbanks enjoys. We do not feel informed comment can be made on the proposed consolidation until the 10 mill issue is resolved.

I appreciate your consideration of our request to extend the responsive briefs/public comment period from August 1, 2000 until December 15, 2000. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Hank Hove
Borough Mayor

Cc: Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly
Fairbanks North Star Borough Directors